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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated August 11, 2008.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1, 45, and 52, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An output buffer[s], comprising:

a data coder having complimentary data input terminals, a pair of data read output terminals, and a data mask control terminal, the data coder generating at respective first and